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1. **Status:** Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted on 12-19-2005 under election, which have been placed of record in the file. Claims 10-19 are pending in this action. Claims 1-9 and 20-61 are withdrawn from consideration.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendments to objected abstract filed on 12-19-2005 under remark is sufficient to overcome the objection. Objection to abstract is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claim 10-19 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Daniels (6,373,500 B1).

Regarding Claim 10, Daniels teaches a picture display device (figure 1, Col. 2, lines 27-29) for displaying a video signal supplied from a data process device (Col. 2, Lines 29,30), comprising: input means for inputting a plurality of video signals that are output from a plurality of data process devices (Col. 2, Lines 27-30); communication means for bi-directionally communicating with each of the plurality of data process devices (Col. 2, Lines 29-41); video

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process means for combining the plurality of video signals that are input by said input means into one screen corresponding to information of the picture size of each of the plurality of video signals that said communication means communicates with each of the plurality of data process devices (Col. 2, lines 29-51); display means for displaying a video signal that is output from said video signal process means (Col. 2, lines 29-61); input device connection means to which an input device is connected, the input device being configured for outputting a first control signal corresponding to a user's operation (Col. 2, lines 29-51); transmission means for generating a second control signal for controlling the plurality of data process devices corresponding to the first control signal that is output from said input device connection means and causing said communication means to transmit the first control signal and the second control signal to the plurality of data process devices (Col. 2, Lines 29 to Col. 3, Line 8, Col. 3, Line 45 to Col. 4, Line 15) ; and communication control means for controlling said communication means to communicate with the plurality of data process devices (Col. 2, Lines 29-51, Col. 3, Line 45 to Col. 4, Line 15, Col. 4, Lines 31-58).

Regarding Claim 11, Daniels teaches the first control signal is supplied to a selected data process device of the plurality of data process devices and the other data process devices are notified that an input of the operation has not been performed for the input device (Col. 5, Lines 23-32).

Regarding Claim 12, Daniels teaches a screen of said display means is composed of a plurality of display areas corresponding to the plurality of video signals, wherein the plurality of

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data process devices are controlled so that a control pointer displayed in the display areas of the data process devices is moved among the display areas corresponding to an output of the input device, and wherein a data process device corresponding to a display area in which the display pointer is displayed is selected as a controllable object using the first control signal (Col. 2, Lines 29-51, Col. 3, Line 45 to Col. 4, Line 15, Col. 4, Lines 31-58, Col. 5, Lines 8-23).

Regarding Claim 13, Daniels teaches the communications of said communication means with the plurality of data process devices are controlled on the same screen of said display means using the input device (Col. 2, Lines 29-51, Col. 3, Line 45 to Col. 4, Line 15, Col. 4, Lines 31-58, Col. 5, Lines 8-23).

Regarding Claim 14, Daniels teaches means for issuing an operation command for the plurality of data process devices, the operation command being transmitted to the plurality of data process devices by said communication means (Col. 2, Lines 29-51, Col. 3, Line 45 to Col. 4, Line 15, Col. 4, Lines 31-58, Col. 5, Lines 8-23).

Regarding Claim 15, Daniels teaches operation means for outputting a third control signal corresponding to a user's operation, the control of said video process means being designated corresponding to the third control signal that is output from said operation means (Col. 5, Lines 8-60).

Regarding Claim 16, Daniels teaches means for issuing an operation command for the plurality of data process devices, wherein the issuance of the operation command is controlled corresponding to the third control signal (Col. 5, Lines 8-60).

Regarding Claim 17, Daniels teaches picture generation means for generating a picture that represents a display state of a picture by said display means, control states of the plurality of data process devices, and a control state of the picture display device (Col. 5, Lines 8-60).

Regarding Claim 18, Daniels teaches picture generation means is configured for generating a picture that represents display states of pictures of the picture signals on said display means and communication states among the plurality of data process devices (Col. 5, Lines 8-65, Col. 4, Lines 31-64).

Regarding Claim 19, Daniels a picture display (figure 1, Col. 2, lines 27-29) method for displaying a video signal supplied from a data process device (Col. 2, Lines 29,30), comprising the steps of: inputting a plurality of video signals that are output from a plurality of data process devices (Col. 2, Lines 27-30); bi-directionally communicating with each of the plurality of data process devices combining the plurality of video signals that are input at the input step into one screen corresponding to information of the picture size of each of the plurality of video signals obtained at the communication step with each of the plurality of data process devices (Col. 2, Lines 29-51, Col. 3, Line 45 to Col. 4, Line 15, Col. 4, Lines 31-58, Col. 5, Lines 8-65); displaying a video signal that is output at the video signal process step (Col. 2, lines 29-61);;

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generating a second control signal for controlling the plurality of data process devices corresponding to a first control signal that is output from input device connection means and causing communication means to transmit the first control signal and the second control signal to the plurality of data process devices, an input device being connected to the input device connection means, the input device being configured for outputting the first control signal corresponding to a user's operation (Col. 5, Lines 8-65, Col. 4, Lines 31-64); and controlling communications with the plurality of data process devices so that they bi-directionally communicate with each other (Col. 2, Lines 29-51, Col. 3, Line 45 to Col. 4, Line 15, Col. 4, Lines 31-58, Col. 5, Lines 8-65).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Johnson et al. (5,689,637) Console simulator, multi-console management system and console management distribution system.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Prabodh M. Dharia whose telephone number is 571-272-7668. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM to 5PM.

7. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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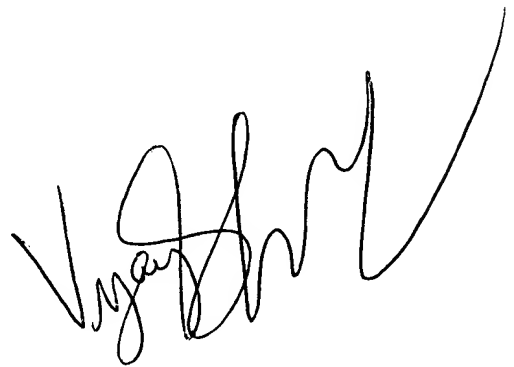
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